

Building Up The Body Of Christ Part 2

Text: Eph. 4:11-16

What unity is not:

- Everyone agreeing on the same things.
- Not all being together.
- Not combing.
- Sameness.

What is unity:

- Something that we work at.
 - Being Humble and gentle. Eph. 4:2.
 - Being patience and bear with one another Eph.4:2.
 - Being loving in all we do. Eph.4:2.

Why be united:

- So we can be united in Christ Eph.4:4-13.
- When we are not united it is hard to do anything. Mt. 11:25-26 .
- When we are united there is strength Ecc. 4:9-12.

The problem with unity might be ME!

- Ask yourself what if I am wrong? Eph.4:2.
- Ask yourself is the disagreement or the cause of disunity because of opinions or doctrinal issues? 2 John 9-11.
- Once I have determined the cause of the disunity do I have the right to fight and flight? 1 Cor. 1:2 and 1 Cor. 16:23-24.
- How is my attitude in all this? 1 Peter 4:8.

If we want to rise up and build:

- Must be united by:
 - Being Patient and bearing with one another in love,
 - Being humble and gentle,
 - and making every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

Eph. 4:14-16